

RAISES A STORM.

Riley County Protests Against Taxation Move.

Claims State Board Treated the County Unfairly.

FAVOR HOME COUNTIES

Members in Some Cases Had Valuation Reduced.

Miami Newspaper Doesn't Like the System.

The state board of equalization, which is composed of Secretary of State Burrow, Auditor Wells and Treasurer Kelly, is coming in for considerable criticism for its method of "equalizing." The method brought about a considerable reduction in the state taxes of the home counties of the members of the board, and at the same time made a big increase in some other counties.

Riley county was one of those which suffered a big increase, and the Manhattan Nationalist, one of the strongest Republican papers in the northern half of the state, makes a big protest. It says:

"In raising the valuation of Riley county over a million dollars, the so-called state board of equalization has been guilty of gross injustice that can not be borne in silence. In 1901 the valuation was raised half a million dollars and Riley county took her medicine without a whimper. The county seems to have been that she is regarded as an easy mark by the fellows who try to distribute the burden of taxation so as to take care of their friends at the expense of the state at large. We shall not make a statement that is not justified by the records of the state auditor's office. We have no desire to be unfair. Two wrongs never make a right. The gentlemen who compose the state board received the hearty support of this paper during the campaign and were honored by a large majority vote in this county. But that no reason why official acts of rank injustice should go unrebuked.

"The state board of equalization has three members. The auditor of state, Seth Wells, of Neosho county, the secretary of state, J. R. Burrow, of Smith county and the state treasurer, Tom Kelly, of Miami county. We spent a day in Topeka last week for the purpose of learning from these gentlemen the reason for raising Riley county's valuation a million dollars. Mr. Burrow and Mr. Kelly were absent from their offices, but Mr. Wells, who is on the board's side of the case with refreshing frankness. When asked what system the board used in fixing the valuation of the property of Riley county, he stated that there was not really much of a system beyond a mere general comparison of one county with another. When asked if the board was guided by the character of the land in Riley county, he replied that Mr. Burrow and Mr. Kelly were well acquainted with the north half of that county and that Attorney General Coleman had been called in to help swell the fund of information, and incidentally we suppose, to help swell the valuation of Riley county.

"Somehow the fact that Mr. Coleman had taken a hand in the proceedings of the state board of manipulation interested us no more than the fact that he was left exactly as returned by the county clerk, the valuation of land being \$4.66 per acre. Land in Riley county was returned at \$4.66 an acre and was raised to \$5.15. What do you think of that? Doesn't that strike you as a brilliant bit of comparing one county with another? The fact that all right and we shall be the last one to say anything derogatory of her. But everybody knows that when the Altimeyer made the strip of land between the Kansas and Blue rivers he didn't level it off for a croquet ground, but left a large portion of it tilted up edge-wise. Almost two-thirds of Riley county is pasture land and only about a third under cultivation. This is not true of Clay county. And yet Clay county, with forty-three square miles more than Riley, pays \$2.15 an acre in state taxes, while this county pays \$5.15, or one-half more than its fortunate neighbor, who has a representative in the state house at Topeka. Assuredly it is an ambition that any county may well cherish to have an honorary member, as it were, on the state board of manipulation.

"Land in Clay county was returned at \$4.89 per acre and raised to \$5.09, another case of flagrant failure to equalize. The other counties adjoining Riley were raised more nearly to a just value. Miami county was raised and raised so large a per cent as was the Elmer Mark. The increase was in all cases in real estate and was as follows: Washington, 22 per cent, to \$6.35; Marshall, 40 per cent, to \$7.05; Pottawatomie, 19 per cent, to \$6.23; Wabasha, 28 per cent, to \$4.35. Riley was raised 52 per cent, to \$5.15.

"We cannot believe that the state board of 'equalization' even tried to make a respectable guess at what would be a fair and just valuation for Riley county. We can hardly believe that Mr. Burrow has ever been through Clay and Riley counties, even on the railroads after dark with the blinds pulled down. In brief, Riley county has been kicked over and doesn't propose to keep the fact a secret any longer.

"In order to grow into a full appreciation of the gentle art of 'comparing one county with another' in which art the state has three such amazing adepts, we examined the state auditor's report for 1901-2 and the later records in order to see how the board dealt with Miami, Smith and Neosho counties, which happen to be the home counties of Kelly, Burrow and Wells. The results of the investigation were as follows: Riley never saw a finer display of a practical love of home and neighbors than was manifested by the three manipulators—chief of the state house.

"We give the figures in round numbers. Miami county in 1901 returned a valuation of \$5,000,000, was raised by the state board to \$5,352,000. This year the board, perhaps Mr. Kelly's absence or at least over his protest, reduced the returned valuation to per cent to \$4,760,000 or \$2,000 below the amount last year and \$424,184 below the county clerk's returns this year. Smith county was returned in 1901 at \$1,140,000 and raised to \$1,326,000. This year the valua-

CAR BROKE IN 200 FEET

More Than 30 Passengers Injured in a Wreck.

Runaway Stock Car Struck the Coach in Middle.

WAS ON A CROSSING.

Wrecked Coach Was Thrown Down an Embankment.

Point Where Accident Occurred Long Considered Dangerous.

Bloomington, Ill., Aug. 24.—Thirty or more passengers were seriously injured some perhaps fatally by a peculiar collision at the junction of the Illinois Central and Lake Erie & Western railroads, two miles east of this city shortly before noon today. While a passenger train westbound on the latter road was passing over the crossing, a car of stock which was being pushed by a switch engine on the Illinois Central, broke loose from the engine and dashed into the side of the passenger train with terrific force, breaking the coach in two and injuring nearly every one of the 60 occupants. The coach was thrown over on its side and partially down an embankment.

The train crew removed the injured to neighboring farm houses for medical care and others were brought to the hospitals in this city on a special train. The crossing has long been a dangerous one. The Big Four also crosses the track of the Central but a short distance away and is unprotected by either targets or interlocking plant.

THE INJURED.

The following is the complete list of the injured:

J. L. McCollum, Sagbrook, Ill., hip hurt, hand cut, internal injuries.

R. C. J. Holder, head badly cut and contusions of brain.

Mrs. Sarah M. Fawcett, aged 60, Saybrook, seriously injured, may die.

Mrs. Grace J. Kessler, Normal, Ill., shoulder hurt and bruised.

Miss Jesse Youle, Saybrook, head cut, and bruised.

Mrs. C. E. Keener, Normal, back injured, head, face and lips cut, internally hurt.

Miss Lucy Smith, Bloomington, shoulder hurt, face cut and bruised, and badly shaken.

Miss Mary Gibson, cut and bruised.

E. H. Crosby, wife and children, Gridley, Ill., Crosby bruised, wife, side of head hurt and leg injured; Child head badly hurt.

A. O. McDonald, Saybrook, badly bruised arm.

Mrs. Mary Ryan, Bloomington, Ill., shoulder and face injured and internal injuries of a serious nature.

Miss Lizzie Osterling, Gibson City, Ill., head badly cut and arm bruised.

Mrs. J. Nichols, Chicago, knee gashed and bruised on various parts of the body.

Daniel Ummel, Remington, Ind., aged 65, probably fatal, serious internal injuries, side and back badly hurt, head cut and bruised over all body.

W. P. Brooks, Arrowsmith, Ill., head cut and hand gashed.

Mrs. T. Pratt, Pana, Ill., bruised and shocked.

Mrs. S. E. McCord, aged lady, East Liberty, Ill., back and neck bruised, the latter strained.

C. E. Woodward, Bloomington, Ill., hip and back sprained and badly injured.

Alexander Woodbine, Elliott, Ill., head bruised and leg injured.

James E. Radbourne, Saybrook, Ill., hip bruised, internal injuries.

Miss Anna Small, Bloomington, Ill., collar bone broken, badly bruised and hurt internally.

Mrs. William Phillips, Bloomington, Ill., head and internal injuries.

Mrs. Mary Brodwell and three children, Remington, Ind., Mother bruised, Beas, aged 8, head cut open, very serious; Lydia, aged 10, head and face by every means to end the war, which has crippled the finances of the Dutch Indies.

LOU DILLON BREAKS WORLD'S TROTTER RECORD

On a Mile Track at Readville, Mass.

And Burn the Houses in Florina and Monastir.

HELD BY CRESCUS.

Previous Record Was 2:02 1-4 Made Last Year.

Last Quarter Was Made in 29 Seconds.

Readville, Mass., Aug. 24.—Lou Dillon broke the world's trotting record on the mile track here today, going in 2:00 flat.

The previous record was 2:02 1/4, held by Cresceus, made at Columbus, O., last year.

Lou Dillon's time by quarters today was: First quarter, 30 3/4; second quarter, 30 3/4; third quarter, 30 3/4; last quarter, 29.

Lou Dillon's best time before today was 2:02 1/4 or a half second slower than the record held by Cresceus. She made the half today in 1:01 3/4 and the three-quarters in 1:31. The mare was driven by Millard Sanders. She received a magnificent ovation from an immense gathering when she completed the mile.

GOVERNOR IS AT HOME.

Says Kansas Will Get Jobs at St. Louis—Sometime.

Governor Bailey returned Saturday night from St. Louis where he went with the Kansas World's fair commission to interview the exposition authorities about Kansas' share of the World's fair patronage. As a result he thinks Kansas will get some World's fair jobs after awhile. The governor returned from St. Louis with a morbid Sunday, but he is at his office today, although not feeling entirely well.

"We did not go to St. Louis entirely to look for a job matter," said the governor today, "but also to see about the space to be allotted to Kansas in the various buildings. There is a big scramble for space and for position, and we must be ready to make a big showing in the agricultural and live stock departments and I want to see a good exhibit in the mineral line, too. This is a feature of Kansas resources that other states know little about. With our salt and our coal and lead and zinc and gas and oil, and our cement and fine brick, and our new electric stories, Kansas ought to make a big showing in the mineral line and open the eyes of the world.

"There isn't anything very desirable to be had in the line of jobs at the fair, but the directors have promised that Kansas shall be treated fairly in the matter. About all the jobs that will be given to Kansas are guides, gate-keepers and ticket sellers. The chair-wheeling business and everything of that sort is sold to concessionaires.

"There has been a tremendous amount of work done on the fair buildings since I was there last spring and things are rapidly assuming shape. On one of the oldest buildings in the fair grounds, which was built in 1893, the roof has been raised on May 1, they are now putting the staff. Many of the buildings are nearly completed. Work is going rapidly forward on the Kansas building and it will be done in about 60 days. Iowa is a little ahead of us, but there are only one or two other state buildings as far along as ours. We have one of the best sites in the fair grounds, Illinois and Iowa have the best sites, just at the top of a hill."

MASSACRED ALL.

Turks Kill Inhabitants of 22 Villages

Streets of Krushevo Littered With Corpses.

BULGARIANS BLOW UP GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AT URGAS.

Following the Proclamation of the Revolution Throughout the Village of Adrianople.

There are Unconfirmed Rumors that Fighting and Massacres are Proceeding in the Streets of Adrianople.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug. 24.—The Turks are reported to have massacred all the women and children in 22 villages of the districts of Florina and Monastir, and afterwards to have burned the villages. They are also alleged to have killed a number of prisoners. The streets of Krushevo are said to be strewn with dead and the survivors are afraid to bury the bodies, fearing to incur the suspicions of the Turks.

Following the proclamation of the revolution throughout the village of Adrianople, the insurgents cut all the telegraph lines connecting the city of Adrianople with the eastern parts of the village.

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Vienna, Aug. 24.—The Neue Freie Presse's Constantinople correspondent telegraphs that a band of Bulgarians has attacked the Turkish town of Urgas, south of Iznik, on the east coast of Turkey and has blown up the government buildings with dynamite. It is reported that 200 persons were killed, and the wounded are being taken to the hospital.

DEMANDS SATISFACTION.

Constantinople, Aug. 24.—According to Turkish advices when the insurgents captured Vahidli, they killed the garrison consisting of 50 soldiers and about 100 of the inhabitants.

There are now threatening Media, 60 miles northwest of Constantinople and are reported to be attacking the important town of Krik-Kilise, 32 miles northwest of Adrianople.

Christians, Greeks and Muselman refugees have arrived at the mouth of the Bosphorus from the neighborhood of Media, fearing massacres there. They have been sheltered and fed at Anadolu-Kavak by the authorities.

The Italian embassy has notified the police that it holds it responsible for any injury which may be done to the consul of Italy at Monastir and demands the punishment of those who insulted the consul recently by calling him a "glour" (infidel).

IT MAY BE COOLER.

Weather Man Giving Promise of Better Things.

The mercury's rapidly climbing. With never a hint of a stop. Some folk has encouraged it, saying: "There's plenty of room at the top."

LINE UP IN OHIO.

Hot Fight Ahead for the Democratic Factions.

Johnson and Zimmerman Marching Their Forces.

145 DISPUTED SEATS.

Result Will Depend Upon Who Secures the Organization.

Neither Side Has a Majority of the Delegates.

Columbus, O., Aug. 24.—Prominent Democrats are in conference here today preparatory to the Democratic state convention of tomorrow and next day. For weeks there has been a contest of unusual intensity in the eighty-eight counties between Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, and John L. Zimmerman, of Springfield, the two candidates for the gubernatorial nomination, to secure delegates. Both come here claiming a majority of the 650 delegates. Both base their claims on securing the 145 delegates whose seats are contested. These contests will be settled tomorrow. The preliminary agitation is over the organization of the convention. It is conceded that the control of the committee on credentials means control of everything else, including the new state central committee, that controls the organization for the coming presidential year, as well as the committee on resolutions, rules and order of business and permanent organization, all of which are of importance at the present time in the contest between the Bryan men and the conservatives for supremacy. The withdrawal of John T. Bookwalter as a candidate for senatorial endorsement to succeed Hanna has been used today to advance Zimmerman's candidacy. Zimmerman and Bookwalter both reside at Springfield, and it was claimed that the Johnson men had started the Bookwalter movement so as to affect Zimmerman's interests, especially if the order of business could be had been fixed so that the endorsement for senator would have come before the nomination of the state ticket. The Johnson men insist that there must be an endorsement for senator, although no one has been named in Bookwalter's place. The Zimmerman men are not in favor of the convention naming anyone for senator.

RUSSIANS GO HOME.

Naval Squadron Departs from Turkish Waters.

Constantinople, Aug. 24.—The Russian squadron has sailed from Turkish waters.

The port's reply accepting the Russian demands was delivered 12 hours after the presentation of the Russian note.

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NEBRASKA POPULISTS GATHERING

For Their State Convention.

Grand Island, Neb., Aug. 24.—Interest in the Populist state convention which meets here tomorrow manifested itself today in the arrival of a number of party leaders, among them former Senator William V. Allen. The question of fusion is the predominant one for the coming year has sounded the keynote of opposition. In a letter written to a Madison, Neb., newspaper, Mr. Allen takes exception to Mr. Bryan's stand on the question and asserts that the Populist party must declare its own platform. He says that Judge John J. Sullivan, supreme judge, will be renominated by the Populists. Judge Sullivan is a Democrat.

THINK WELL OF KANSAS.

Mr. Burrow Talks to New Hampshire People.

J. R. Burrow, secretary of state, has returned from a visit to New Hampshire.

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